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# HOW FAR IS THE FRONTIER? My 25 years in the State of Oklahoma!

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It is less than glorifying to note that Oklahoma ranks 47th in education in the nation. In STEM education the statistics is no better for reasons well known to many. As a science researcher, educator and a mentor, the author will share his tale of unique experiences. Dr. Rahman will share a glimpse of his two and a half decades effort to infuse the interest of chemistry in the form of classroom teaching, chemical research, outreach initiatives, the Chemistry Olympiad and engineering competition.

**6:00-6:30 pm Social Half Hour**

**6:30-7:30 pm Dinner**

**7:30-8:30 pm Presentation  
(room 101-102)**

**Oklahoma State University**

207 Wes Watkins Center, Stillwater, OK 74078

(big globe at corner of Washington & Hall of Fame)

map: <http://geosys.okstate.edu/interactive-maps/campus-map.aspx>

**Buffet Menu Catered by the Rib Crib**

Boneless Chicken

Brisket

Cowboy Beans

Potato Salad

Peach or Blackberry Cobbler

Ice Tea and Lemonade

**Cost**

\$25 members

\$10 students

**RSVP Deadline**

Friday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm

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**Park in lots 9A, 99C, or 99D  
next to Wes Watkins**



OSU campus map  
QR code



OSU parking map  
QR code

*RSVP is NOT required to attend the presentation.*

## Fazlur Rahman Biographical Sketch

Dr. A. K. Fazlur Rahman teaches ACS standard General Chemistry and Organic chemistry sequences at the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics in Oklahoma City. He started his teaching career in 1981 as a lecturer/Assistant Professor at Jahangirnagar University in Bangladesh. He came to Oklahoma in 1991 to work as a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Oklahoma with Professor Kenneth Nicholas. He joined OSSM in 1993 and is currently working as a professor of Chemistry. Dr. Rahman did B.Sc (Hons) and M.Sc (with distinction) from Jahangirnagar University. He received an M.A in Organic Chemistry at Brandeis University (1983-85), and a Ph.D (1985-89) in Organometallic Chemistry, at the Australian National University. Dr. Rahman worked as a Junior Australian Research Council (ARC) Fellow at the University of Tasmania from 1989-1990. He is the recipient of the Stanford University Teacher Tribute Award for exceptional

teaching (2003), the Sigma-Xi distinguish teaching award (2005), the American Chemical Society (ACS) South West Regional Award (2009), the Research Opportunity Award from EPSCoR NSF in 2009 and 2015 Dr. Rahman was also recipient of the prestigious Oklahoma Chemist award in 2015. Dr. Rahman received fellowships from the Ames Laboratory (1990-91), National Renewable Energy Laboratory (1995), and Phillips Petroleum Company (1996-97). He has held visiting positions at the University of Rochester (1998), Texas A&M (2012) and at the California Institute of Technology (2013). Dr. Rahman has published more than 22 papers and has made more than 56 research presentations at national and international conferences. Apart from the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, Dr. Rahman has been teaching chemistry at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Central Oklahoma.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE WES WATKINS CENTER

### Directions from Tulsa via Cimarron Turnpike

- Take Hwy 64 to the Cimarron Turnpike - toll gate (manned - \$0.75)
- Take the OSU "Y" turnoff (approximately 20 miles) - toll gate (unmanned - \$0.50)
- Continue on the turnpike. It will curve left into Stillwater and become Washington Street.
- Drive thru four traffic lights (Richmond Rd, The Links Apartments, & Airport and Lakeview Rds)
- Just before the next traffic light, go right at the "Y" (do not go through the light). This will keep you on Washington.
- Pass through two more traffic lights (Will Rogers Elementary School and McElroy Street).
- The Watkins Center is located on the left approximately three blocks after the 2nd light (McElroy).
- Turn left into the parking lot just before the Watkins Center (before the light at Hall of Fame and Washington).

### Directions from Tulsa via State Highway 51

- Travel through Stillwater to Duck Street.
- Turn right (north) onto Duck Street
- Go north to McElroy (4th traffic light).
- Turn left (west) onto McElroy.
- At the next light (Washington), turn left (south).
- The Watkins Center is located on the left, approximately three blocks south of McElroy.
- Turn left into the parking lot just before the Wes Watkins Center

### Directions from Oklahoma City via I-35 North

- Take the Stillwater Exit and turn right on State Highway 51 (you are approximately 17 miles west of Stillwater).
- As you enter the edge of Stillwater, turn left (north) at 4th traffic light, which is Western.
- As you round the curve, it becomes Hall of Fame.
- Turn left at 4th traffic light (Washington). The Wes Watkins Center is on the corner.
- Turn left onto Washington & right into the parking lot behind the building.

